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An attempt has been made in this bibliography to call attention to some of the more readily available materials relating to Pennsylvania history and government which would be of most use to teachers seeking to utilize Pennsylvania materials in the classroom or desiring to accumulate a small working library. All of these items may be obtained without too much difficulty from a few principal sources. They are either free or relatively inexpensive. They are up-to-date and present important recent information concerning Pennsylvania.

I have not endeavored to list every possible book which might be obtained from the principal sources of supply. It would be well for teachers and school librarians to establish contact with such agencies as the university presses and ask to be kept informed whenever new publications of interest are made available. Private publishing services are always very happy to do this. In the case of governmental publications available for free distribution, the particular bureau or department is usually glad to add schools to the permanent mailing list. The Division of Documents, Bureau of Publications, Harrisburg, makes available a <u>List of State Publications</u> which may be secured free of charge upon request. This should be kept on hand and used as a guide in ordering state publications for which there is a charge.

Under various general divisions, based mainly on the source from which the publications are available, I have attempted to summarize briefly the general type of materials which may be secured from each source. At the same time, I have listed some outstanding specific titles. Further and more detailed information in each case may be secured by the means indicated above.

"Pennsylvania Social Studies Bibliography"

State Publications

The Commonwealth has available a variety of publications which are of interest to the teacher of social studies. Anyone who desires a complete list of these with prices should write to the Division of Documents for the List of State Publications as indicated above. I will attempt to indicate a few of those which are most outstanding and readily available. The Pennsylvania Manual published each biennium may be obtained from the Division of Documents for $1.00, and it contains an amazing amount of information concerning the history, government, and resources of Pennsylvania. It should be in every school library. The Department of Internal Affairs publishes every three years an Industrial Directory of Pennsylvania which is available at the price of $2.00 and contains valuable data. The Department publishes a monthly bulletin which under Secretary Livengood come to contain a miscellany of information on Pennsylvania history and affairs. This is free of charge and schools may be placed on the mailing list upon request to the Director of Information for the Department. The Department has available at a small charge a variety of publications dealing with the geology and mineral resources of the state which are of great value in connection with any such courses.

The Department of Agriculture makes available a variety of bulletins which contain agricultural statistics and information concerning Pennsylvania farm crops and agricultural life. The Department of Forests and Waters has charge of several state parks, some of which have historical connections. Pamphlets are available concerning a few of these and the Department also has available some excellent maps of the state showing streams, recreational areas, etc. The Department of Labor and Industry produces several bulletins which provide studies of various phases of Pennsylvania labor and industry. Much of this information would be of value in courses which deal with current social problems such as

wages and hours, workman's compensation, unemployment, etc. The Legislative Reference Bureau has available the Administrative Code of Pennsylvania which costs 30 cents and is indispensable to an understanding of the governmental organization of the state. It also publishes the compiled Pennsylvania Laws at $1.50 per copy.

The State Planning Board conducts many important studies connected with the economic and social problems of the state. It makes available a monthly bulletin known as Pennsylvania Planning which is frequently very useful. In addition, the Board has provided a series of publications which have now reached over a dozen. These are available to representative libraries and your school librarian should be the means of contact in securing this material. Information may be had from the Board. The Department of Public Instruction recently made available a digest of some of the studies of the Planning Board entitled Pennsylvania--An Inventory. This is a very valuable survey of the economic and social problems of present day Pennsylvania and may be obtained from the Department.

The Department of Public Assistance makes available several bulletins and reports which deal with relief problems in the state. The same is true of the Department of Welfare which has jurisdiction over the state correctional and welfare institutions. For information concerning the latest material available from such departments, requests should be made directly to them.

The Department of Public Instruction has provided in the last few years an increasing number of publications. A full list of these bulletins may be obtained from the Department upon application. Of especial interest for this bibliography, are the items listed below:

One Hundred Years of Free Public Schools in Pennsylvania, bulletin 9
Pennsylvania--An Inventory of the Human and Economic Re-

sources of the Commonwealth, bulletin 204
Penn Day, bulletin 210 (This publication is not up-to-date in its statistics but it does contain a variety of information.)
Pennsylvania in Music, bulletin 372
Suggestions for Developing a Social Studies Program in the Secondary Schools, bulletin 411
How Pennsylvania is Governed, bulletin 202 (This is a manual analyzing the activities of the state government with explanatory charts.)
Public Education (Monthly bulletin of the Department which contains a page on Pennsylvania history.)

The State Library, a division of the Department of Public Instruction, has available a variety of useful publications and services. The Pennsylvania Archives, eighth and ninth series, are valuable additions to a library. The Museum maintains a lantern slide service through which slides bearing upon biography, geography, literature, music, and history may be obtained on loan. Detailed lists and further information may be secured by writing to this division of the State Library and Museum.

The Pennsylvania Historical Commission is responsible for the preparation and distribution of publications relating to the history and archaeology of the state. Principal archaeological publications available for distribution include:

Three Archaeological Sites in Somerset County
A Study of the Delaware Indian Medicine Practice and Folk Beliefs.
Archaeology of the Delaware River Valley
A Study of the Delaware Indian Big House Ceremony
Petroglyphs (Safe Harbor Report Number 1)
Archaeological Studies of the Susquehannock Indians (Safe Harbor Report Number 2)

The historical volumes are:

Pennsylvania Bibliography (An index of the leading articles in historical society publications)
Wilderness Chronicles of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Journal of J. C. B. (An account of a French soldier in northwestern Pennsylvania)
Gidden's Beginnings of the Oil Industry in Pennsylvania: Sources and Bibliography
Brunhouse's Counter-Revolution in Pennsylvania (Political history about 1790)

Guide to Manuscript Depositories in Pennsylvania (A list of most important libraries, etc. where source material may be found.)
A Guide to Pennsylvania County Archives (A valuable handbook designed to aid in securing material on local history and government from county records.)
Pennsylvania Newspaper Bibliography: Philadelphia (A check-list of the names and locations of collections of Philadelphia newspapers)
What to Read about Pennsylvania (Bibliography of available history and fiction)
Pennsylvania History in Outline (A detailed outline of the State's history)
Pennsylvania Leaders (A list of outstanding figures in the State who have helped build America)
Pennsylvania - Keystone of Democracy Radio Series (Scripts and recordings for use by schools dramatizing 26 episodes in Pennsylvania's contribution to democracy. Scripts are available upon request. Recordings will be loaned for use by schools having radio recording playback equipment.)

All these latter publications are not immediately available but are in the process of printing. A series of leaflets on the history and development of the different historic sites such as Pennsbury Manor, Cornwall Furnace, Boone Homestead, Old Economy, and Fort Augusta are now available for distribution.

Through the Pennsylvania Historical Survey of WPA, the Commission is producing several mimeographed publications, requests for which should be addressed to the Survey, Box 942, Erie. Included among these are:

The Papers of Col. Henry Bouquet
Journal of Chaussegros De Lery
Expedition of Baron De Longueuil
Manual for Historical Work (A useful handbook guide to the collection of historical material)
Manual for Newspaper Transcription (A guide which might be useful in advising pupils as to ways and means of securing material from newspapers)
The Venango Trail
Report on Archaeological Explorations at Fort Le Boeuf

It should be kept in mind that the different divisions of the state government present biennial reports on their activities to the Governor which are published. The old reports are in many cases very

valuable sources of historical information. For example, the reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, dating back to the establishment of the public school system, constitute a very important source on the history of public education in the state. Copies of these old reports, either in series or as individual volumes, are frequently obtainable from secondhand book stores at relatively low prices. In some instances local historical societies have available additional copies of such reports. Former members of the legislature often have them and in many cases would probably be glad to donate them to school libraries. Those interested should be on the alert to secure this type of material.

WPA Agencies

The Work Projects Administration in Pennsylvania has furnished during the last several years a considerable quantity of material which is of importance to the social studies teachers. The Pennsylvania Historical Survey has available and in preparation a series of Inventories of the County Archives of Pennsylvania. These are being published at present in cloth bound 6 x 9 volumes of convenient size. A typical County Inventory provides a variety of information which may be used by both teachers and pupils. A historical sketch of the county is contained in each volume. Very valuable information concerning the organization and the history of the evolution of the different units of county government is also provided. Various illustrative maps and charts of importance are included. All of this material is directly adaptable to school uses. The Inventory is also of importance in that it makes available to the teacher a handy guide to the county records which contains a variety of information concerning county history and government. Adams, Berks, Blair, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Lancaster, Lawrence, Luzerne, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Westmoreland counties already have been published. Others are

in the process of publication. The Survey is also making available inventories of manuscript collections, church records, and similar documentary materials. Naturally, these would be of importance to the teacher desiring to undertake special studies. They are of no use in the classroom. Information concerning the latest publications of the Survey may be obtained by directing an inquiry to the Pennsylvania Historical Survey, 100 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

The WPA Writers' program has prepared during the past few years several items of interest to Pennsylvania social studies teachers. The Project is immediately engaged upon the production of a series of county histories designed especially for school use. First of these was made available in Lycoming county and entitled A Picture of Lycoming County. Sponsored and distributed by the County Commissioners, it was furnished at the cost of 94 cents a copy. This is a worthy project and interested teachers might take the lead in encouraging a similar program for other counties. The project has made available several Guides, a list of which is appended. Several historical pamphlets have been prepared. Titles of principal publications, price and publisher are indicated below. It should be noted that these must be purchased directly from the publisher. Lists of most recent publications, however, may be obtained by writing to the Project at 100 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

WPA Writers' Program

Pennsylvania, a Guide to the Keystone State, Oxford U. Press, N. Y., $3.00
Northampton County Guide, Times Pub. Co., Bethlehem, $1.75
Story of Old Allegheny City, Herbick and Held Printing Co., Pittsburgh.
A Picture of Lycoming County, County Commissioners, Williamsport, $.94
Horse Shoe Trail, Horse Shoe Trail Club, Philadelphia, $.25

Erie, a Guide to City and County, Mayor of Erie, $1.50
Philadelphia Guide, William Penn Ass'n, Box 467, Harrisburg, $2.50
Bid for Liberty, ibid, $.25 (Pamphlet on the Revolution)
Harmony Society in Pennsylvania, ibid, $.25
Hikes in Berks County, ibid, $.25
Johnstown Flood, ibid, $.25
Tales of Pioneer Pittsburgh, ibid, $.10
Pennsylvania Cavalcade, University of Pennsylvania Press, $3.00
A Picture of Clinton County, Clinton County Commissioners, $1.50

Pennsylvania Book Service

The Pennsylvania Book Service located at Cameron and Kelker Streets, Harrisburg, has made available several volumes of considerable importance. Details concerning prices may be secured directly from the Service. In addition to its publications, this organization assists in supplying all types of Pennsylvanians. A few of the more significant items made available through the Service are listed below:

Singmaster, Elsie, Stories of Pennsylvania, vols. 1-3
Alshouse, Herman A., Builders of the Keystone State; Eminent Pennsylvanians.
Theiss, Lewis E., A Journey Through Pennsylvania Farm Lands, vols. 1-2
Murphy, Raymond E., and Marion, Pennsylvania, a Regional Geography; Pennsylvania Landscapes, an Elementary Geography.
Tanger and Alderfer, Pennsylvania Government, State and Local.
Alderfer and Sukol, American Citizenship for Pennsylvanians.
Fortenbaugh and Tarman, Pennsylvania, the Story of a Commonwealth.

The University of Pennsylvania Press

The University of Pennsylvania Press in Philadelphia has been most active in publishing material relating to Pennsylvania. A complete list of its available publications may be secured upon application to the Press. The most ambitious recent project of the organization has been the inauguration of the series known as PENNSYLVANIA LIVES. With the aid of a

distinguished Advisory Board, the University Press has undertaken to secure biographers for a large number of outstanding Pennsylvanians in all walks of life. The volumes are published in an attractive format and are written in a readable fashion. Footnoting has been dispensed with in favor of a brief biographical note for each personality. The volumes may be bought individually or at a reduced rate for the entire series. Full details may be obtained upon application to the Press. The following biographies have been made available up-to-date:

Tinkcom, Harry M., John White Geary: Soldier and Statesman, 1819-1873
Earnest, Ernest, John and William Bartram: Botanists and Explorers.
Gaul, Harriet A., and Eiseman, Ruby, John Alfred Brashear, Scientist and Humanitarian.
Nixoy, Lily Lee, James Burd.
Klein, Walter C., Johann Conrad Beissel, University of Pittsburg Press.

In cooperation with the Buhl Foundation and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh some years ago undertook what became known as the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey. This project was organized to undertake research into various neglected phases of the history of this section. A highly competent group of historians was assembled and a vast amount of material collected. These volumes have gradually been made available by the University of Pittsburgh Press and constitute one of the most worthwhile recent contributions to Pennsylvania historical literature. With the cooperation of the Buhl Foundation,they have been widely distributed to the libraries of the state without charge. It is possible that school libraries might be able to take advantage of this arrangement. In any case the publications are moderately priced and well worth the investment. Further details may be secured from the University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh. Some of the more outstanding volumes which have been presented to date are as follows:

Wright, J. E., and Corbett, Doris S., Pioneer Life in Western Pennsylvania (This volume was designed especially for use by younger readers.)
Baldwin, Leland D., Whiskey Rebels (This is a story of the so-called "Whiskey Rebellion" in Pennsylvania.);
Pittsburgh, the Story of a City.
Guide Book to Historic Places in Western Pennsylvania.
Harpster, John W., Pen Pictures of Early Western Pennsylvania.
Downes, Randolph C., Indian Affairs in the Upper Ohio Valley.
Buck, Solon J., The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania.
Ferguson, Russel J., Early Western Pennsylvania Politics.

Historical Societies

County and local historical societies throughout the state make available from time to time valuable publications dealing with local historical topics. In addition to publications, these societies maintain in many instances very worthwhile museums and libraries containing materials of importance to the study of local history. Many of them have excellent local newspaper files, an extremely valuable source of information. The larger number of these societies are organized in the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. The Year Book of the Federation lists them, their principal publications, and information as to library and museum facilities. The Executive Secretary, Mr. S. K. Stevens, will be glad to provide copies of the Year Book to interested teachers upon request to the Federation office, State Museum Building, Harrisburg.

The Pennsylvania Historical Association publishes a quarterly magizine entitled Pennsylvania History which is of especial interest. It carries informative articles on Pennsylvania history and maintains a special department for the public school teachers with helpful suggestions as to ways and means of using Pennsylvania history and government in the social studies program. Individuals and librarians may subscribe to the magazine or secure sample copies upon application to the Secretary, Dr. J. Paul Selsam, the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, publishes the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, an extremely valuable quarterly. The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine published by the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, 4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, provides many interesting articles dealing with western Pennsylvania affairs. The Historical Society of Berks County, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, presents the quarterly, The Historical Review of Berks County. The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology publishes the Pennsylvania Archaeologist. Several societies publish annual proceedings or occasional papers.